RAYMOND SCOTT HILL

July 4 (legislative day, June 27), 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. McCarran, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6915]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 6915) for the relief of Raymond Scott Hill, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of a minor half-Japanese child in the custody of a United States citizen serviceman and his wife. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Japan on April 1, 1949, of a Japanese mother and an American soldier father. The child was placed in an orphanage in Tokyo from where it was released in the custody of Master Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Johnson Hill, Jr., who are United States citizens.

Congressman John E. Lyle, the author of the bill, submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in connection with the bill:

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., May 15, 1952.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,

Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Chairman: In response to your letter of May 12, I am submitting 11 documents in support of my bill (H. R. 6915) for the relief of Raymond Scott Hill.

Raymond Scott Hill is an American-Japanese foundling. His mother is Japanese and his father is an unnamed American serviceman. The child, formerly

named Kazuo Kaneko, was taken by Master Sgt. Frank Johnson Hill, Jr., and Mrs. Hill from an orphanage operated by Catholic sisters in Tokyo, Japan. The orphanage is a welfare agency recognized by the Japanese Government, as indicated by the letter of agreement enclosed from the superintendent of the Tokyo Central Child Welfare Center. The child has been in the custody of the Hills since June 27 1951 He has been examined by American doctors and found to be in sound mental and physical condition. He was born on April 1, 1949, in Tachikawa, Japan.

Sergeant Hill is 31 years of age, and his wife is 27. They were married on November 8, 1943, in St. Louis, Mo., and are the parents of two children, a

daughter who is 7 and a son who is 6.

I am sincerely hopeful that the information I am submitting will be sufficient to warrant favorable consideration by your committee.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. LYLE.

AGREEMENT

TOKYO CHUO-JIDO SODANSHO GENSHIN MARUI, August 11, 1951.

To St. Odilia Home:

1. I agree to adopt Kazuo Kaneko.

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 I will take him to the United States of America.
 I will raise this child, educate, and give him every protection and love that is possible.

4. While I am in Japan, the Japanese custodians are welcome to visit my home at any time to report on the child's care and welfare.

5. If this child is not receiving the proper care, I fully understand that the child may be taken from us.

(Husband) Master Sgt. Frank J. Hill (AF-18061006). (Wife) DOROTHY J. HILL.

Witnessed:

JOHN W. BENBOW, Captain, United States Air Force, Summary Court Officer.

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10 August 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Fusako Kaneko, agree to relinquish all claims to my son Kazuo Kaneko. further agree to place him in the custody of Master Sgt. and Mrs. Frank J. Hill to rear as their own child.

I have no objection to the adoption of my son, as the prospective foster parents can give him all of the benefits of a home life, education, and paternal love that I am unable to give him due to financial difficulties.

FUSAKO KANEKO.

AUGUST 11, 1951.

Subject: Allied military personnel adopting a Japanese child.

To Whom It May Concern:

1. Master Sgt. Frank J. Hill (AF-18061006) and his wife Dorothy J. Hill are going to adopt a Japanese boy named Kazuo Kaneko.

2. Kazuo Kaneko was born on April 1, 1949, at his mother's house, Tachikawa-shi, Tokyo-to, and his mother is a Japanese woman whose name is Fusako Kaneko and her permanent domicile is No 172 1-chome. Fujimi-cho, Tachikawashi, Tokyo-to. The child's father is an unknown American.

3. Master Sgt. Frank J. Hill and his wife have already taken the child into their

home since 2 months ago.

4. Fusako Kaneko, the mother, agrees their dopting the child.
5. I have the opinion that the child of such birth and family relations will be happy under the care of those foster parents, who promised according to the child's welfare in the convenant attached.

GENSHIN MARUI, Supereintendent, Tokyo-to Central Child Welfare Center, No. 858, 3-chome-Nishisugamo, Toshima-ku, Tokyo-to, Japan. JAPAN CENTRAL EXCHANGE BRANCH No. 129, APO 328, October 16, 1951.

Subject: Dorothy J. Hill. To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to the adoption of a Japanese-American baby by Master Sgt. Frank J. Hill and his wife, Mrs. Dorothy J. Hill, the undersigned in submitting this letter as a character reference. Mrs. Hill has worked for me for a period of several months and has always shown great strength of character and moral standing. She is working in a position of trust as cashier in the post exchange. The undersigned feels that favorable consideration should be given Mrs. Hill in this adoption case.

RALPH E. TROSTEL Captain, United States Air Force, Branch Exchange Officer.

HEADQUARTERS, THIRD BOMBARDMENT WING (L), APO 954, July 6, 1951.

Subject: Statement of soldier deposit. To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that, according to NME Form 113, Master Sgt. Frank J. Hill (AF-18061006), Headquarters Third Bombardment Group (L), A. P. O. 954, has a total of \$490 soldier deposits.

T. A. WILSON, Major, United States Air Force, Finance Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 6161st Air Base Wing, APO 328, 16 October 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

Master Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Hill, residing on this air base, APO 328, have recently filed application to adopt a baby orphan.

The undersigned is of the opinion that the above-named couple are fully qualified to act in the capacity of parents for the child. The character of each is above reproach, and their home life is based upon Christian ideals and high moral standards.

The child has lived with them for 6 months and is now 2 years of age. It is therefore recommended that their petition be granted and the application approved.

CLARENCE O. MILLER, Chaplain (Major) United States Air Force, Wing Chaplain.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 6915) should be enacted.